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52. (Amended) The method as recited in claim 35, wherein the input audio signal comprises at least one of an audio signal of music, vocals, and singing [and other such sounds].

53. (Amended) The apparatus as recited in claim 40, wherein said input audio signal comprises at least one of an audio signal of music, vocals, and singing [and other such sounds].

#### REMARKS

In the final Office Action mailed on September 28, 1999, claims 51, 52 and 53 were rejected under § 112, ¶ 2 as being indefinite. Specifically, the Office Action states that "the claimed limitation 'and other such sounds' is vague and indefinite." With this amendment, the objected to language in these claims has been deleted. Accordingly, it is believed that claims 51, 52 and 53 now comply with § 112.

As this paper reduces issues prior to jurisdiction passing to the Board, entry of this paper is respectfully requested.

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